

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are now present in this application.

Claims 1-19 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

From the October 23, 2006 Office Action, claims 1-19 are objected to for an informality. Because this informality has been addressed, it is submitted that this objection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant pending application should be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

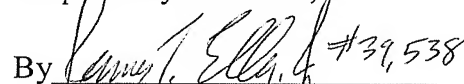
Because the prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of prior art and is not being utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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